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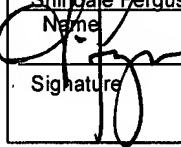
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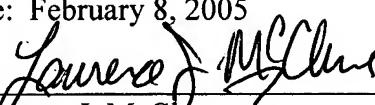
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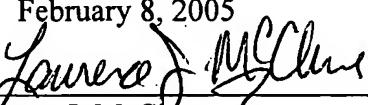
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Application No./Patent No.: 10/786,861 Filed/Issue Date: February 24, 2004

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By:

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